

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is walking and getting stronger every day following emergency colon surgery performed in Washington on October 11. He continues to recover at home in St. Clairsville this week.

Wilson underwent a routine screening colonoscopy in Ohio and sustained a colonic perforation during the procedure. That means the routine procedure caused a hole in his large intestine, which can be life threatening. Following the major abdominal surgery in Washington that was required to correct the problem and to take care of the resulting infection, Wilson spent a week in the hospital, including five days in intensive care.

At the time his surgeon advised him he'd need an additional four weeks for recovery. The recovery takes time because the nine inch surgical abdominal wound requires twice daily dressing and it takes time to restore strength in the core abdominal muscles that doctors cut to reach the intestine.

"I'm determined to come back as soon as I can." Wilson said.

Wilson hopes to return to a light Congressional schedule next week. That means he'll return to Washington and begin voting on issues before the House of Representatives but take a limited number of meetings.

Coming back to a light schedule next week is still a week earlier than doctors initially recommended, but Wilson wants to get back to work. "I'm feeling better everyday," Wilson said. "I can't wait to get back to work."

In the meantime, all of Wilson's offices remain open for business and all constituent services work continues.

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